

## **Warden Message**

January 6, 2009

Dear Warden:

Please share the following time sensitive information with the American citizens on your warden list, and any other Americans you know, as soon as possible. Please contact the American Citizen Services section via email ([ConsularQuito@state.gov](mailto:ConsularQuito@state.gov)) fax 2561-524, or telephone 2562-890 ext. 4561 if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance. This message is to advise American citizens in Ecuador that a protest in Quito is planned today for 9:30 am. The protesters are expected to gather at the Plaza Artigas near Coruña and 12 de Octubre Streets in Quito proceeding to the Israeli Embassy on Coruña Street. This protest has been announced on local radio and television, so it could have a substantial number of participants. American citizens are strongly urged to avoid large gatherings or any other event where crowds have congregated to demonstrate or protest. While protests/demonstrations are generally nonviolent in Ecuador, they can turn violent and may require a police response. If you find yourself near a protest/demonstration, the U.S. Embassy recommends immediately departing the area. Foreigners are prohibited from protesting in Ecuador and may be subject to arrest for participating in demonstrations of any kind.